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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE REASSIGNMENT OF TURKISH DEFENSE ADVISOR

AT INFORMAL PARTY HOSTED BY FRG DEPUTY DEFENSE ADVISOR ON
SEPT 17, TURKISH DEFENSE ADVISOR TOPUR INFORMED MISSION
OFFICER THAT TURKISH GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERING HIS TRANSFER
BACK TO TURKEY. TOPUR SAID THAT HIS NORMAL TOUR IN NATO
WOULD BE FOUR YEARS, OF WHICH HE HAS SERVED TWO. HE HAS
ADVISED HIS AUTHORITIES THAT HE WOULD AGREE TO LEAVE EARLY
IF PROMOTED. TOPUR SAID NO DECISION HAS YET BEEN MADE.
MISSION COMMENT: TOPUR HAS BEEN HIGHLY KNOWLEDGEABLE,
CAPABLE AND COOPERATIVE OFFICER IN OUR MANY DEALINGS WITH HIM. WE
HAVE REPEATEDLY FOUND THAT TURKISH PERMREP ERALP FOLLOWS TOPUR'S
LEAD ON DEFENSE MATTERS. IF BOTH ERALP AND TOPUR ARE TO BE
REPLACED SOON, WE FORSEE EITHER A PERIOD OF UNCERTAINTY WITHIN THE
TURKISH DELEGATION OR, PERHAPS MORE LIKELY, A NEW TEAM LESS WELL
DISPOSED TO COOPERATION WITH THE US. END COMMENT.
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